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For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TESTING CLOCK AND DATA RECOVERY
DEVICES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the December 14, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species II, Figures 2 and 6, with traverse. Applicant also respectfully submits that at least claims 1-3, 6-7, 10, 13-18, and 20 read on the elected species. Additionally, at least claim 1 is generic.

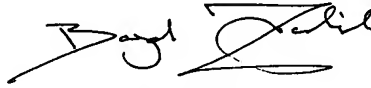
Applicant also respectfully submits that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order

to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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